

To All Gun Violence Working Group Members

Are you an NRA Member ? (I'll explain that question later).

For now, I thank you for responding to my message concerning the need to pass meaningful gun legislation as a result of the tragedy in Newtown.

More than two months have passed and I complement CT legislators for conducting a thorough enough effort gathering relevant information and recommendations to enact legislation now to lessen the risk of another tragedy like Newtown.

The time to act is NOW on the information and recommendations you have accumulated to date! Solutions addressing every cause of gun violence, such as mental health studies and influence of violent media games and films will take years. CT needs to act now to control the **devices** that caused Newtown.

Governor Malloy recently expressed frustration by the pace of the General Assembly to reach meaningful recommendations, and that the process has been going on long enough. I don't agree with the Governor on his economic policies, but I do agree with him on the seemingly slow pace of what should be obvious to prevent another Newtown

First Priority: It should be obvious that high capacity, high velocity, rapid fire, assault type weapons and semiautomatic handguns be immediately banned in CT. The 2nd Amendment does not authorize these "machine-gun-like " weapons.

Second Priority: It should be obvious that laws requiring registration and universal background checks be enacted on all individuals purchasing or transferring assault or semiautomatic weapons in CT regardless of venue.

Third Priority It should be obvious that negligence by gun owners who do not properly secure and lock their guns that are used to commit a felony because of theft, or illegal sale or transfer of a gun shall be punishable by fines or jail time. (If Adam Lanzer's mother had not been a victim she would not be facing any liability Law whatsoever for 26 murders.)

These three priorities need no further study, and can be enacted NOW. I urge you to pursue immediate action on these easy solutions. Save the tough decisions on mental illness requiring months of studies and medical evidence for later.

The NRA leadership is famous for urging membership to promote delays against objectionable legislation, because they know from experience that extra time will heal the "Connecticut Effect", and that the public fervor to reduce gun violence will eventually dissolve.

I hope and pray there are no NRA members in the Connecticut Legislature whose motives are misguided in this way.

Connecticut gun control legislation is a single issue for me.....not the state's disgraceful billion dollar budget deficits, not the bloated unfunded pension liabilities of state employees.....it is gun control.

My future voting choices will depend on which party appears to be the leader or the laggard on this issue.

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